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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE CHAIRMAN, INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Revision of NIE-35, "Probable Development in Indochina During the Remainder of 1951"

1. The time period covered by NIE-35 is about to expire. For this reason, and because of the following additional recent developments, it is recommended that NIE-35 be revised by the IAC agencies:

a. Viet Minh capabilities in Tonkin recently have apparently been reduced by the French and Vietnamese forces.

b. On the other hand, improvements have been reported in the supply lines leading from Kwangsi (China) into Tonkin, and the level of Chinese Communist assistance to the Viet Minh apparently has risen.

c. Reports have been received alleging the establishment of a Chinese Communist "volunteer army" for service in Indochina.

d. The Viet Namese Army has been continually built-up and French forces have concurrently been strengthened.

2. Because the 30-day armistice negotiation period in Korea is about to expire and the actions of Communist negotiators may give some indication of Communist future intentions, it is recommended that this revision be delayed until after the beginning of 1952.

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